

non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1999.

Effective August 30, 1999, 90 days after date of adjournment.

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## CHAPTER 1407

### H.B. No. 1997

#### AN ACT

relating to installation, repair, or removal of certain vent hoods.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 6, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law (Article 8861, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) *This Act does not apply to a person who installs, repairs, or removes a vent hood of the type commonly used in residential and commercial kitchens.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately and applies only to the installation, repair, or removal of a vent hood that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. Installations, repairs, and removals of vent hoods that occur before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect on the day the installation, repair, or removal occurred, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 3, 1999, by a non-record vote; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1997 on May 27, 1999, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1997 on May 30, 1999: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1997 on May 30, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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## CHAPTER 1408

### H.B. No. 2022

#### AN ACT

relating to the designation of a small business advocate to head the Office of Small Business Assistance.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Sections 481.0068(a), (b), and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The Office of Small Business Assistance is an office within the department and shall be headed by a small business advocate designated by the governor ~~(director)~~. To be eligible to